

REMARKS

These remarks are in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 24, 2003, and the Advisory Action mailed March 24, 2004. Applicants have canceled claims 1-29 and 36-63, without prejudice to Applicants' right to prosecute the canceled subject matter in any divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, or other application. The cancellation of claims 1-29 and 36-63 is not to be interpreted as limiting the scope of the invention or the scope of any claim herein or in any related applications.

In order to expedite allowance of the pending claims, claim 30 has been rewritten in independent form. Applicant submits that claim 30 is allowable. In addition, claims 31-35, which depend from claim 30, are also allowable. Applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider the various grounds set forth in the Final Office Action and Advisory Action and allow the claims that are now pending. If the Examiner would like to discuss any of the issues raised in the Office Action, Applicants' representative can be reached at (858) 678-5070.

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Respectfully submitted,

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